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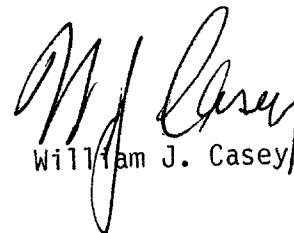
SUBJECT: Agreements Between the Intelligence Community Agencies  
and the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO)

1. At the Off-Site Conference we gained a sharper understanding of both the responsibilities and the opportunities presented to us by the SDI. It is also evident that there is increased interest within the Intelligence Community to cooperate on SDI needs, requirements, and technology, and to pursue programs of mutual benefit. I fully endorse such efforts, but before formal agreements are executed they should be reviewed from the broad DCI viewpoint. We need to ensure that all proposed development programs on behalf of SDIO are in concert with our overall NFIP efforts with due regard for security, operational interaction, technology transfer, funding, and Congressional oversight considerations. ☐

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2. I have previously asked the Director, Intelligence Community Staff to act as a primary interface for SDIO liaison with elements of the Intelligence Community. With this in mind, I am now asking you to submit your proposed Memoranda of Agreement or Understanding and each annex to these documents to the Director, Intelligence Community Staff for review and concurrence on my behalf. This central focus will help to ensure that the collective impact of these agreements on the Intelligence Community is thoroughly considered from both a near- and far-term perspective. ☐

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: VADM E. A. Burkhalter, Jr., USN  
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: Agreements Between Intelligence Community  
Agencies and the Strategic Defense Initiative  
Organization (SDIO)

1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached memorandum requesting Intelligence Community Program Managers to submit any proposed agreements with the SDIO to me for my review and concurrence on your behalf. [redacted]

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2. Background: This memorandum was stimulated by our recent staff-level interactions with the NRO on its proposed MOA with the SDIO. Although constructive, these informal exchanges have convinced us that a more formal DCI-level review process is necessary to ensure that your overall responsibilities are protected in future MOA-related activity. Prior to the Off-Site Conference, a DIA-SDIO MOA was concluded in isolation from the rest of the Community. A CIA-SDIO MOA was also being discussed at that time, but was placed on hold pending the completion of the NRO MOA. [redacted]

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3. Discussion: We believe there is a need to review such agreements from a broad DCI perspective as they can have significant impact upon the rest of the Intelligence Community. This is particularly pertinent to early agreements as they will not only define Intelligence Community participation and obligations in these first days, but will also shape the Intelligence Community's role over the long term. If no action is taken, Program Managers will continue to implement individual agreements with the SDIO independent of DCI review or overview. [redacted]

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Current and future impact across the Intelligence Community and upon the DCI will take place in such areas as budget, security, operational interactions, direct and implied technology transfer, and roles and missions. For example, technology developments may cut across the roles and missions of

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the various Intelligence Community agencies. Additionally, it is imperative that both short- and long-term budget implications are fully understood and compatible with overall NFIP planning. Another factor is the open nature of the SDI, which involves disclosure requirements outside intelligence circles.


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We have concluded that the Intelligence Community Staff, acting for the DCI, should review all agreements (MOAs, MOUs, and annexes) governing relationships between Intelligence Community elements and the SDIO and that formal concurrence by the D/ICS, specifically acting for the DCI, should be required on each such agreement. We discussed this with you and the DDCI at last Tuesday's morning meeting and you directed us to proceed with this approach.

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4. Recommendation: Recommend that you sign the attached memorandum to the Program Managers. (U)

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Vice Admiral, USN

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